

Funded opportunities in Europe for Guidance Counsellors

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The aim of this workshop is to:

- * Provide an overview of the landscape of funded opportunities available throughout Europe for Guidance Counsellors.
- * Advise on the key elements involved in applying for these opportunities:
 - Provide an overview to the application process for funding to complete a **job shadowing experience** (KA122-SCH) with European guidance colleagues in another country.
 - Introduce potential project topics to get you started (in guidance).
 - Introduce helpful tools to support you through the process.
 - Provide guidance on how to find a suitable partners across Europe.

What is Erasmus +?

Erasmus+ is the European Union Programme for education, training, youth and sport.

What is the budget?

26.2 Billion

Who is it open to?

Higher Education, Youth organisations, **Vocational Education and Training, Adult Education**, Sports organisations and **Schools**



Where can you go?



Programme Countries

The following countries can fully take part in all the Actions of the Erasmus+ Programme:

Member States of the European Union (EU) ¹⁵			
Belgium	Greece	Lithuania	Portugal
Bulgaria	Spain	Luxembourg	Romania
Czech Republic	France	Hungary	Slovenia
Denmark	Croatia	Malta	Slovakia
Germany	Italy	Netherlands	Finland
Estonia	Cyprus	Austria	Sweden
Ireland	Latvia	Poland	

Non EU Programme Countries ¹⁶		
Republic of North Macedonia	Iceland	Norway
Serbia	Liechtenstein	Turkey

Opportunities for Guidance Counsellors



- * **EU FET = VET and AE - Funding Opportunities are separate VET and Adult Education** - Check out the : [Jargon Buster - Leargas](#)
- * **Who Can Take Part in a Mobility Project?** Post Primary, VET and Adult Education Staff
- * **What kind of activities?** Job-shadowing ; Teaching assignments ; Courses and training ; VET institution or another relevant organisation based in an [Erasmus+ Programme country](#).
- * **Other Activities:** Invited experts (2 to 30 days) ; Hosting teachers in training; Preparatory visits
- * Two main types of Erasmus+ Adult Education projects: **Learning Mobility for Individuals'** and 'A short secondment period; **Job-shadowing; Attendance at workshops or courses; Attendance at a staff training week** [Cooperation for Innovation and the Exchange of Good Practices](#);

Where do I start?

- * **Sign up** for Leargas and NCGE Newsletter! <https://insights.leargas.ie/sign-up-for-the-leargas-newsletter>
- * Register or join European online platforms such as EPALE and eTwinning <https://epale.ec.europa.eu/en/user/register> <https://www.facebook.com/EPALE.IE>
- * Partner search websites we recommend include: <http://eupartnersearch.com/Default.aspx>
- * The Erasmus+ Project Results Platform <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/>.

- * **Be aware of dates/ deadlines**
- * Recognise your correct "Category of Applicant" are you School? Vocational Education & Training (VET) or Adult Education (AE)
- * For Key Action 1, (KA1) One partner is sufficient for schools, VET or Adult Education

- * **Think about** your potential project – consider the [Erasmus+ Priorities - Leargas](#)
 - * *Environmentally sustainable and responsible practices*
 - * *Digital transformation in education and training*
 - * *Participation in democratic life*

Explore... With caution!

There are also some **unofficial** websites and Facebook pages dedicated to connecting partners.

Neither Léargas nor the European Commission operate – so not responsible for the content.

- ❖ Erasmobility – Work placement exchanges Platform is a platform where vocational training centres and colleges help each other to find work placements in European countries
- ❖ Euro Apprenticeship is a European network to promote, implement and enhance learning mobility for apprentices
- ❖ Euro Placement is a search tool for internships abroad for students and employers
- ❖ EU Partner search

Lists of Irish funded projects are available here: [You searched for Erasmus+ VET funded projects - Leargas](#)
Check to see if their organisation is **accredited** (KA120 or KA121) to link in to existing applications

Application forms

Download the relevant application form:

- ❖ **Schools-** [here](#) Reach out to potential partners*
 - ❖ **VET** - <https://www.leargas.ie/application-process/application-forms/> ; Open Calls - Vocational Education and Training | Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes (europa.eu);
 - ❖ **Adult Ed** Open Calls - Adult Education | Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes (europa.eu)
 - ❖ Explore Vocational Education & Training Opportunities - Leargas
 - ❖ [Erasmus+ Programme Guide](#)
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- ❖ **Adult Education:** There is specified funding allocations for **Accredited organisations**
 - ❖ 50% of the funding for **Accredited organisations**
 - ❖ 60% of the funding for **Mobility Projects** will be allocated under the **first** application deadline.
 - ❖ 50% of the funding for **Small-scale Partnerships** will be allocated under the **first** application deadline.
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- ❖ Download the Erasmus+ Adult Education budget allocation 2022.
 - ❖ Read the programme guide [here](#) *
 - ❖ Request or obtain your **OID** and **EU log in: Required in School, VET & AE**
 - ❖ Apply by the deadline- **Round 1-** February **Round 2-** October

Thinking about your project..

- * **Consider needs** and challenges
- * Find out about **Leargas** Training/ Support days/Events!
- * **Connect** with Services in the Community – Eurodesk & EuropeDirect
- * **Be clear** in what you'd like to achieve
- * Consider how you will **measure success/ "impact"**
- * Refer to the **award criteria**
- * Attach **supporting documents**



Potential Project Topics

- ❖ The use of **digital tools** to enhance guidance provision in a school/ College of Further Education or Adult education context
- ❖ Languages and Opportunities in Europe: Understanding **the role of languages** in Guidance from an international perspective
- ❖ Effective guidance provision for those with **additional needs, or those from vulnerable backgrounds, migrant populations...**
- ❖ **Linking career guidance to the world of work and employability** - how schools/ FET Guidance Counselling/ services link with industry to enhance LMI and work experience opportunities.
- ❖ **The role of Employers in qualification development** as perceived by students, parents and Guidance Counsellors in Europe
- ❖ What "**sustainable guidance**" and innovation in "**Green Careers**" looks like across Europe
- ❖ **Early School Leavers**: What is the role of Career Guidance for this cohort in the European Context
- ❖ **Study Abroad**: How do European Guidance Counsellors approach this?

The image shows a screenshot of a document titled "Erasmus+ Potential Project Ideas for Guidance Counsellors". It features the logos of Erasmus+, Ireland, and NCGE. The document is a "Template for project idea development" with five orange-bordered text boxes containing the following questions:

- What are the most important needs and challenges your school/ guidance service is currently facing?
- How can your school/ guidance service be improved to benefit its learners?
- What do you want to achieve through engaging in this European project?
- How are you going to measure the success of the project? How will you evaluate if the objective has been reached?
- What topics are you going to work on in your project?

Identifying partners/ host organisations

Your network

- Do you know anyone working in a school in Europe?
- Reach out to former classmates/ friends of friends etc.

Your school

- Has your school ever engaged in a European project before? They may have established connections!
- Are there language assistants/ exchange students in your school?
- Do any teachers/ language teachers have connections to other European schools virtually or through projects in your school or a previous one worked in?

Online

- Schooleducationgateway website
- E-twinning website
- E-mail euroguidance@ncge.ie
- If you don't have a network yet- create one! Learnign can begin onlien and transition to a mobility experineince.

EPALE



SchoolEducationGateway

Europe's online platform for school education

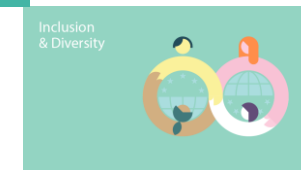


<https://www.leargas.ie/erasmus-plus/partnership-cooperation/>



Other opportunities for upskilling

- * [TCAs](#)
- * ['Academia'](#)
- * www.euroguidance.eu CPD opportunities (virtual)
- * www.schooleducationgateway.eu courses
- * [Léargas events and training opportunities](#)
- * [EPale opportunities](#)
- * **Workshops- Erasmus funding opportunities (May 17th)**



eurodesk

Support websites

8 easy steps to set up a project!

- 1 REGISTER!** on eTwinning!


- Go to **eTwinning Live**, especially the **PARTNER FORUMS** where you can check the ideas proposed by other teachers and answer their posts. Or be proactive and **post your own ideas** on the suitable forum.


- 3 Contact teachers first** to check their availability, and interest in working with you. Make sure you are available for an eTwinning Plus project.
- Once you find a colleague, look for them in **PEOPLE** and send them a **CONTACT REQUEST**.


- When they accept your request, you are **ready to set up the project**. Decide which one of you is going to register the project - **only one can do it!** Go to **PROJECTS** and click on **CREATE A PROJECT**:

A. Carefully select the name of the school
B. Invite your colleague to the project
C. Complete the form with all the details
D. Use in the description a language that your colleague can understand when they read the application

Don't forget to enable access to your project for eTwinning Plus countries
- After you submit your project, your colleague will receive a notification in their eTwinning Live to **accept it**. Once they accept the project invitation, **the project will have to be approved by the National Support Services of both countries.**
- Once the project is approved you can find it in the section **PROJECTS** and you automatically have **your own private TWinspace** workspace.
- You can now go to **PROJECTS** → **YOUR PROJECT** → **ADD NEW PARTNER(S)**: other colleagues who want to work in your project or colleagues from your school that you will collaborate with.

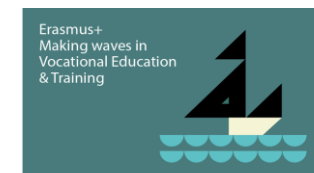


www.etwinning.net



Erasmus+ for schools

 Course catalogue	 Mobility opportunities	 Strategic partnerships	
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https://www.leargas.ie/resource_tag/templates/
<https://www.leargas.ie/manage-your-grant/monitoring/>



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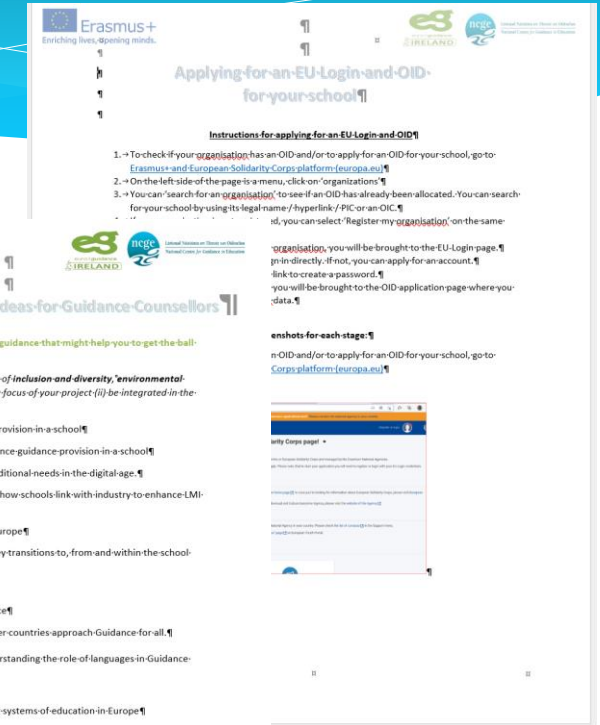


Other support documents/links all available

All the below are available at: <https://euroguidance.ie/resource/erasmus-GC-toolkit>

- ❖ 'Where to access the application form' document
- ❖ 'Potential Project Ideas' document
- ❖ 'Identifying partners' document
- ❖ 'How to get an EU login and OID' document
- ❖ Sample application - more detailed step by step information on how to apply
- ❖ 'Budget tips' (Léargas SCH)
- ❖ Erasmus Programme Guide- from pg 99 (SCH)

* **E-twinning:** a free online platform connecting more than 900,000 teachers across Europe. [Check this video for more information about the platform.](#)



Reminder re: other NCGE Euroguidance resources- www.euroguidance.ie

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STUDY IN EUROPE COUNTRY INFORMATION SHEETS

FRANCE

THE NETHERLANDS

GERMANY

Overview of Options, Institution Type, Programmes Available, Fee Information, Application Process, Important Dates.

Specific Feedback from IGC Guidance Counsellors interested in this workshop

- Career pathways: [NCGE Webinar Whole School Guidance: Focus on Transitions, Pathways and Opportunities](#)
- Best way to prepare students for EU (Note: publication in May from Euroguidance / Eurodesk / Eures / QQI /HEA and others)
- Points of contact
- Opportunities for Guidance Counsellors in EU
- How and when to start the application
- Voluntary network of professionals willing to use skills in retirement for marginal communities (see e-Twinning / School Education Gateway)
- Opportunities in France and Italy (see e-Twinning / School Education Gateway / Access Europe Resources)



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